



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 774

LCO No. 2361

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Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT INCREASING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-349e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (c) (1) No individual with Alzheimer's disease may participate in the
5 program if such individual (A) has an annual income of more than
6 [forty-one] fifty thousand dollars or liquid assets of more than one
7 hundred nine thousand dollars, or (B) is receiving services under the
8 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly. On July 1, 2009, and
9 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase such income and
10 asset eligibility criteria over that of the previous fiscal year to reflect
11 the annual cost of living adjustment in Social Security income, if any.

12 (2) No individual with Alzheimer's disease who participates in the
13 program may receive more than three thousand five hundred dollars
14 for services under the program in any fiscal year or receive more than
15 thirty days of out-of-home respite care services other than adult day

16 care services under the program in any fiscal year, except that the
17 commissioner shall adopt regulations pursuant to subsection (d) of this
18 section to provide up to seven thousand five hundred dollars for
19 services to a participant in the program who demonstrates a need for
20 additional services.

21 (3) The commissioner may require an individual with Alzheimer's
22 disease who participates in the program to pay a copayment for respite
23 care services under the program, except the commissioner may waive
24 such copayment upon demonstration of financial hardship by such
25 individual.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2011	17b-349e(c)
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the income limit for participation in the Alzheimer's Respite Care program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]